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National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA)

is an organization of public agencies whose function is the protection of lives, property and economic activity from the adverse impacts of storm and flood waters. The mission of the Association is to advocate public policy, encourage technologies and conduct education programs which facilitate and enhance the achievement of the public service functions of its members.

(State and Local Governments,
as well as Special Districts are members)

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NONFEDERAL PARTNER

Focus on Legislative,
Regulatory & Legal Activities
at the Federal Level

Committee Structure

- **Flood Management Committee (Corps)**
  Dave Brookings, Chairman
  Liaison with Corps - WRDA – Regulatory (Wetlands) Issues – Corps Improvement/Modernization Issues – Levee Issues

- **Stormwater Management Committee (EPA)**
  Damon Diessner and Bill Urbonas, Co-Chairmen
  Water Quality - Legislation – Stormwater Phase II – TMDLs – Funding Issues – Legal Issues

- **Floodplain Management Committee (FEMA)**
  Bill DeGroot, Chairman
  Mapping Modernization Funding – Training - CRS - CTP - Pre-Disaster Mitigation – Levee Issues

Key Action Areas in 2006

- **Flood Management Committee (Corps of Engineers)**
  WRDA
  Streamlining Permitting Process
  Partnership Agreement
  National Levee Inventory
  Interagency Flood Risk Management Issues
- **Stormwater Management Committee (EPA)**
  TMDLs
  Stormwater Funding/Legal Issues
  Regulatory Issues (Wetlands Permitting)
- **Floodplain Management Committee (FEMA)**
  Continued Funding Levels for Map Modernization
  Continue Efforts to Ensure Quality of New Maps
  Mentoring – Cooperating Technical Partners
  Interagency Flood Risk Management Issues

Key NAFSMA Flood Management Positions-Authorization & Appropriations Issues

- NAFSMA Encourages Use of All Project Alternatives – structural to nonstructural solutions and programs as needed
- NAFSMA Supports Multi-Objective efforts – to include flood management, river restoration, environmental preservation and enhancements and recreation.

Key NAFSMA Flood Management Positions-Authorization & Appropriations Issues

- NAFSMA Recommends Review and Revision of current NED policies to encourage more environmentally sensitive, multi-objective projects
- NAFSMA supports policies and programs allowing for local implementation of federal projects and reimbursement agreements such as Section 211.

Key NAFSMA Flood Management Positions-Authorization & Appropriations Issues

- Encourages Corps to develop guidance and policies for deauthorizing all or portions of projects exceeding their useful life or where nonstructural alternatives exist providing same benefits
- Encourages Corps to make personnel available to participate early and throughout the planning, design and permitting phases of new civil works projects.
- Recommends Elimination of PED agreements

Key NAFSMA Flood Management Positions-Authorization & Appropriations Issues

- Supports non-federal sponsors receiving full credit for all legitimate project expenses, similar to credit received by the Corps.
- Supports non-federal sponsors receiving full credit for CERCLA activities needed for project.

Key NAFSMA Flood Management Positions – O&M

- Environmental permitting and mitigation requirements must be completed and issued for long-term O&M
- Supports changes to PCA to limit liability on local sponsor for OMRR&R to project design life.
- Supports review of fed-partnered flood management projects to determine what programs & funds are needed to repair, replace or rehabilitate the aging infrastructure.

Key NAFSMA Flood Management Positions – Permitting

- Supports reasonable guidelines & standards that recognize regional differences
- Supports inclusion of needed federal permitting in O&M manual
- Encourages Corps to better coordinate with all local, state and federal agencies to streamline permitting
- Supports adequate funding for regulatory permitting

Challenges of Integrated Water Resources Management and Collaboration

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

CIVIL WORKS
STRATEGIC PLAN
Fiscal Year 2004 – Fiscal Year 2009

March 2004

Successes

- Collaborative approach to FEMA Map Mod
- Integrating tribal coordination
- Post authorization for Folsom Dam Mods
- Interagency Flood Mitigation Pgrm

Key Areas for Success

- Project
- Organization
- Personal

Project

- Need
  - Funding problem
  - Multiple stakeholders/issues
  - Crisis

Organization

- Time
- Funding
- Programmatic Structure
- Credibility

Personal

- Trust
- Awareness
- Understanding
- Open and Honest

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